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SUBJECT: AZORES BASE NEGOTIATIONS

REF: (A) STATE 215171, (B) LISBON 6958, (C) LISBON 6936

1. APPRECIATE REFTEL (A). I PLAN TO DISCUSS IT WITH
VILLAS BOAS AND MEDEIROS FERREIRA BEFORE THEY DEPART FOR
UNGA.

2. AS WE READ IT, REF (A) PROBABLY CROSSED WITH REF (C).
IN OUR SEPT 7 CONVERSATION (REF B), FOREIGN MINISTER
MEDEIROS FERREIRA REITERATED HIS POSITION THAT:

(A) TO TAKE THE IMMEDIATE PRESSURE OFF BOTH SIDES
HE WAS WILLING TO WORK OUT A JOINT DECLARATION
EXPRESSING GOP WILLINGNESS TO EXTEND THE BASE
AGREEMENT. (HE HAD PREVIOUSLY STATED THIS DURING
JUNE 30 MEETING WITH UNDER SECRETARY BENSON AND AMBASSADOR
--LISBON 5053, PARA 3.)

(B) BUT MORE TIME WOULD BE NEEDED FOR THE GOP TO
REACH AN UNDERSTANDING WITH THE AZOREANS ON THE ECONOMIC
QUID. (COMMENT: MORE TIME MEANS THE GOP--AND BY
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IMPLICATION THE USG--HAS MORE LEVERAGE ON THE AZOREANS.
IT SHOULD BE REMEMBERED THAT THE GOP AT OUR REQUEST DID
NOT GIVE THE PATTERSON PAPER TO THE AZOREANS BECAUSE IT
HAD NO STANDING.)

3. WITH THE FOREGOING IN MIND, THE FIRST STEP, AS I
SEE IT, IS TO DEAL WITH THE IMMEDIATE PROBLEM OF THE

COMMITMENT TO SENATOR INOUE. TO DO THIS THE LETTER PROPOSED IN REF (C)--OR A REASONABLE FACSIMILE--SHOULD BE AGREED ON WITH MEDEIROS FERREIRA. THE NEXT STEP IN THE PROCESS WOULD BE TO INFORM THE GOP OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE PROPOSALS OUTLINED IN REF (A). WITH THESE IN HAND THE GOP WOULD BE IN POSITION--WITH OUR HELP--TO BRING THE AZOREANS INTO LINE. ONCE THIS IS DONE WE WOULD BE PREPARED FOR AN AGREED MINUTE AS A PRELUDE TO THE FINAL STAGE--THE "FORMAL NEGOTIATION" AND SIGNATURE ON THE BASIS OF AN AGREED PACKAGE.

4. TO MOVE THINGS FORWARD HERE WE NEED:

(A) YOUR REACTION TO TEXT SUBMITTED IN REF (C) IN LIGHT OF REF (B) COMMENTS BY FONMIN.

(B) YOUR APPROVAL OF THIS SCENARIO.
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